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A lonely girl in an empty world  
though when you look ~~at~~ you would  
not know. She smiles through a thousand  
years to hide the pain from past years.  
Skin-so soft, she has a face of innocence  
But worst is what goes on inside. A  
saddened heart, stomped on - fevered &  
corrupted. A brain that boils at night  
in a ferment of awful dreams.  
Like far-off music I hear the harsh  
voice of a former boyfriend, a  
strong Portuguese man, who knew  
that the tongue for the right  
occasion, can be made an instrument  
for pain.

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